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Docket No. XPNT31NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.: 10/721,631
Filed: 11/25/2003
Applicants: Blauvelt et al
For: Surface-mounted photodetector for an
optical waveguide

Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: John D Lee

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

12/23/2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 09/23/2005, please amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow. Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 is hereby respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Information Disclosure Statement is transmitted herewith, along with copies of non-US-patent references.

A shortened statutory period for reply expired on 11/23/2005. Accordingly, this amendment is timely filed with a petition for a one-month extension of time and the required petition fee submitted herewith.